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CLASSIC STUDY ON ESPIONAGE
TO BE PUBLISHED BY HAWTHORN BOOKS DECEMBER 1st

SECRET SERVICE: Thirty Three Centuries of Espionage by Richard Wilmer Rowan, with Robert G. Deindorfer (Hawthorn, December 1, \$10.00), is a monumental history of the art of spying from Biblical times to the present -- from Delilah, a secret agent of the Philistines, to such recent adepts as Rudolf Abel, Klaus Fuchs, and Alfred Nunn May.

This encyclopedic study was originally prepared and published by Richard Wilmer Rowan in 1937 and for thirty years has been a classic on the subject. The present edition has been brought up to date by Robert G. Deindorfer, and contains an introduction by Allen W. Dulles.

The new material covers the sophisticated espionage systems employed during World War II and since, and describes some of the fantastic gadgets made possible by the electronic age.

Surprisingly, while there have certainly been technical advances in the profession, there have not been many symptoms of evolution. Alexander the Great, wanting to discover the morale of his troops, ordered them to write letters home and then had them seized and read. The very same system was employed by the American Expeditionary Force in France in 1918 -- military postal censorship blended with counter-espionage. The spies that hovered around Jesus were just as repellent in character and clumsy in technique as the political agents of half a dozen European countries today.

This backstairs activity during more than three thousand years has determined the destinies of hundreds of nations and of multitudes of individuals, and SECRET SERVICE describes the machinations of hundreds of masters of intrigue, including Mithridates the Great, the Spanish Inquisitors, the Papal secret agents of the Middle Ages, Henry the Eighth, and one of the great military spies of the Napoleonic era.

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Richard Wilmer Rowan, who brought much of this material to public attention in 1937, was the author of Spy and Counterspy, The Spy And The Next War, and The Pinkertons: A Detective Dynasty.

Robert G. Deindorfer has skillfully edited the material and provided all the chapters on present-day espionage. Mr. Deindorfer, well known for his books and lectures on espionage, has written for Life, Look, True and The Saturday Evening Post.

What the critics said about the original edition of SECRET SERVICE:

Mr. Rowan's history is definitive, authoritative, exhaustive When you finish you have little more to learn on the subject of secret service -- and little more to learn about the more shadowy and shoddy side of the human mind.

-- Washington Post

More thrilling than the most exciting of fictional spy stories is this fascinating volume of true tales of espionage covering thirty-three centuries.

-- Chicago Tribune

A monumental, scholarly work, which establishes Rowan as the greatest living authority in his field.

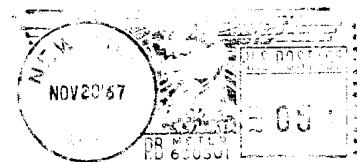
-- New York Herald Tribune

Richard Rowan, treating an extensive subject thoroughly, establishes a true impression of the ubiquity and real necessity of secret service. . . . And happily, in doing so, he shies clear of that bone-dry quality which is almost inevitable in historical recording. . . . Mr. Rowan deserves praise for expert handling of an involved topic.

-- Washington Evening Star

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